

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2023

Present: Holliston Board of Health (BoH): Jay Leary (*Chairperson*)
Peter Liffiton (*Vice-Chairperson*)
Josh Mann (*member*)

Scott Moles, *Health Director/Agent*
Ann Adams, *Health Department Clerk*

Jay Leary opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.
Scott Moles read the Remote Participation Statement.

Board of Health roll call: Jay Leary – present, Peter Liffiton – present, Josh Mann – present

Public Comment: None

Tobacco Control Manager:

- Pari Thillaigivindan is the new Tobacco Control Manager as part of the MetroWest Tobacco Control District. Pari and the Board discussed his background and training.
- There are 16 communities in the MetroWest Tobacco Control District that Pari serves. He will begin inspections in Millis next week.
- Once Pari is appointed and sworn in by the Holliston Town Clerk, Pari can start contacting the Holliston tobacco retailers with educational material that he will share with Scott.
- After retailer education Pari will do compliance inspections.
- Pari will keep Scott posted on his activities.

Jay made a motion to appoint Pari Thillaigivindan as the Holliston Tobacco Control Manager. Peter seconded. Roll Call: Jay Leary-Aye, Peter Liffiton-Aye, Josh Mann-Aye. Passed.

Holliston Woods Septic Odor:

- Scott discussed the history and actions taken regarding the septic system odor and ponding of the Perc-Rite system at Holliston Woods (25 Monroe Drive off Washington Street).
- Dan Coughlin the original system designer is redesigning the septic system potentially with the standard pipe and stone design to present to Scott in the next 2 weeks.
- Dan can come to the BoH meeting to discuss the new design.
- The new system will have a higher profile than Perc-Rite, so the septic field will be flush with the Rail Trail rather than a depression.
- Pulte, the community builder has committed to have the system fixed by the end of this construction season.
- The Board asked Scott to document the history and identify this violation formally: “If it’s not written down, it didn’t happen.” Scott agreed to write the letter, copying the BoH.

COVID-19 Update:

- There is one active case (reported to the State) of COVID-19 in Town.
- The cumulative total is 3152 cases.
- New COVID-19 vaccines have been approved at the federal level.

- The Town COVID-19 policy regarding Town employees returning to work was posted on the Town website. It is in compliance with the State Department of Public Health.

Mosquitoes:

- Another person tested positive for West Nile Virus, bringing the total this season to 3 persons.
- There have been no persons tested positive this year for Eastern Equine Encephalitis.
- Scott listed the number of samples tested and mosquitoes positive.
- For a wet season, the virus incidence has been low.

465 Hopping Brook Road – Underground Injection Control:

- The Underground Injection Control (UIC) permit being applied for by Grady Consulting for Pharmacann at 465 Hopping Brook Road was discussed.
- Scott and Paul Saulnier (Town Assistant Title 5 Agent) spoke with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) regarding UIC categories and permits.
- Grady Consulting still needs to submit an application and the required \$1,320 fee before Scott will review their request.
- The UIC Greenhouse Category is being proposed for condensate waters and reverse osmosis filtrate waters only, not treatment water. This needs to be clearly documented.
- The applicant will need to submit a certification of the discharge water with the application.
- If the applicant proposes high nitrogen water from the process water, then a DEP Groundwater Treatment UIC well will be required.
- The applicant should propose a minimum of semi-annual testing of the water in the application, including payment for the testing by a third-party.
- Karen Sherman, Town Planner had no site plan update.
- Mark Kaferlein, Building Inspector recommended quarterly independent testing of the water. The BoH needs to determine the parameters, not the applicant.
- Travis Ahern, Town Administrator, is checking with the Cannabis Control Commission to see if the site is still exclusively a medical product producer. Otherwise the Select Board would want to review their permit.
- Scott will keep the Board posted.

22 Avon St:

- The final loam was delivered, and additional grading is still needed.
- There was no flooding recently in spite of the heavy rains.
- Scott is keeping the abutting neighbor updated.
- Scott will let the BoH know of the progress.

81 Wingate Road owner crushed his 4 year old Eljen soil absorption field during backyard construction. The owner has been given the repair plan from Eric Dickinson, designer. The owner needs to submit the repair plan to the Health Department.

Tire Drop-off:

- Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project will facilitate a Tire Drop-off on Saturday September 30th for Holliston residents.
- The Highway Department will be present at the Marshall Street Recycling Center to support them.
- Tire Drop-off advertisement is posted on the website, and fliers and signs around Town.

Hurricane Lee: Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency is preparing for Hurricane Lee that the Federal Emergency Management Agency says should hit Thursday and Friday.

Agricultural Committee changed their September 7th meeting to September 21st. Scott will attend.

Holliston Drug and Alcohol Coalition (HDAAC):

- Scott attended the HDAAC opening meeting on September 7th.
- Scott said Zoe Moreau, Holliston Drug Free Coalition Coordinator and Jackie Winer, Director of Holliston Youth and Family Services, are doing good public health work. They received a grant and now they are making programs that work for our community.
- Zoe presented lots of public health information: driving-under-the-influence (DUI), youth diversion programs and suicides in our Town.
- Scott plans on attending the HDAAC meeting quarterly, and encourages the Board members to consider joining some of their subcommittees: Youth Action Team, Envisioning, and Communication.

Downtown Sewer Project: Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has requested more soil testing that still needs to be scheduled.

164 Westfield Drive the house has been re-secured, tree clearing has commenced and the court appointed receiver Briggs Corporation will submit a schedule for remediation.

39 Locust Street- septic system upgrade concerns: Scott is waiting for the as-built plan to be submitted before the final inspection, which is required prior to a Certificate of Compliance issuance.

799 Washington Street – The Gulf Station is looking slightly better. They are trying to clean it up prior to Celebrate Holliston on September 23rd. Travis Ahern, Town Administrator is in negotiations for transfer of ownership of the property.

Upcoming Events:

- Opening of Blair Square on Monday September 18th
- Envisioning Holliston meeting on September 19th
- Celebrate Holliston on September 23rd
- Holliston Flu Vaccination Clinic on October 14th

90 Brooks Street - Zoning Enforcer Mark Kaferlein is still addressing the change of use.

48 Morton Street: The owner was running a spray foam insulation business out of his home, which is a violation of Zoning By-laws. The company trucks are gone.

Minutes: Jay made a motion to approve the BoH meeting minutes from August 22, 2023. Peter seconded. Roll Call: Jay Leary-Aye, Peter Liffiton-Aye, Josh Mann-Aye. Passed.

Bills: The following bills were discussed and approved:

Amazon bill for printer ink cartridges: Total = \$59.00

Jay made a motion to approve the Amazon bill for printer ink: \$59.00. Peter seconded. Roll Call: Jay Leary-Aye, Peter Liffiton-Aye, Josh Mann-Aye. Passed.

Amazon bill for fax machine ink cartridges: Total = \$68.79

Jay made a motion to approve the Amazon bill for fax cartridge: \$68.79. Peter seconded.

Roll Call: Jay Leary-Aye, Peter Liffiton-Aye, Josh Mann-Aye. Passed.

G&L Labs bill for July 2023 beach water testing: Total = \$360.00

Jay made a motion to approve the G&L Labs bill for \$360.00. Peter seconded.

Roll Call: Jay Leary-Aye, Peter Liffiton-Aye, Josh Mann-Aye. Passed.

Board Comment: Jay said he will be available for the October 14th flu vaccination clinic. Josh will not be available. Peter doesn't know his availability yet.

Jay made a motion to adjourn the BoH meeting at 7:46 PM. Peter seconded.

Roll Call: Jay Leary-Aye, Peter Liffiton-Aye, Josh Mann-Aye. Passed.

Respectfully:

Ann Adams, Health Department Clerk

Approval Date: 9-26-23